

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held September 8th, AD 2011 at 7:00 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III; Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor and Tom Dunn, Business Manager.

Salute to the Flag.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the August 18, 2011 Town Council meeting minutes.

Announcements:

- 1. Three local Boy Scouts will be receiving their Eagle Scout Award at a ceremony to be held at the Little Compton Game Club, Saturday September 10th. Councilor Mushen will be in attendance.**
- 2. The Building Official will be changing his office hours to a Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Inspections will be done just prior and just after office hours. It is believed that this schedule will meet the needs of the residents better than his split day schedule previously used.**
- 3. Councilor Golembeske noted that Wilbour Woods has a significant amount of flooding due to the recent storm.**

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Fire Department Head Report for July 2011.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Maintenance Department Head Report for August 2011.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Police Department Head Report for June, July and August 2011.

A notation was made that although a significant amount of money is listed in the “Value of Stolen Property” category for August those items have been recovered.

Councilor Golembeske informed his fellow Councilors that due to the recent storms he did not have the opportunity to interview the interested parties for the Road Supervisor position. He also noted that he would like to sit with all of the individuals to discuss their view on the proposed position. He wishes to return at a later date with a recommendation to re-bid the position with a better define job

description.

Councilor Mushen noted that he had received a letter from Bill Moore, Highway Supervisor expressing the need for the town to purchase a newer vehicle for the sander to placed on due to the fact that the present vehicle is in very poor condition. He reminds the Council that the winter will be upon us before long and this matter should be resolved before the storms arrive.

Councilor Mataronas asked for both the Fire and Police Chief to solicit any input they may feel could be useful regarding the structuring of the new Road Supervisor position.

Councilor Mushen noted that as a result of the After Action Review conducted to review the impact of Tropical Storm Irene the following items were suggested:

1) The Council should initiate a work session with the Beach Commission to review and develop a plan for use with future weather related emergencies that will clarify off hours or off season oversight of the area. An attempt at securing the area did not work as well as it should have and resulted in some traffic/roadway problems.

2) The Tree Warden would like the Council to set a policy on how to handle calls from the Town (emergency personnel) to assist in the removal of tree limbs blocking driveways or private roadways. Potentially an emergency vehicle needs passage, but this may not

always be the case. He would like clarify how this is handled for future storms.

3) During the power outage it became clear that notification to residents simply through the reverse 911 system would not reach all individuals. A suggestion was made to create a flyer that would be supplied to the residents that would detail where they should call for assistance, where potable or non-potable water would be available or where they could go to charge their cell phones.

4) It was determined that both the Public Safety Complex and the Town Hall need improvements on the power distribution when a generator is in use.

5) More road closure signage will be needed and a secure location for storage of said items.

6) The Town needs to be proactive in engaging Round Pond residents, and/or any other potential roadway that is determined to be at risk, in a plan for potential evacuation when a storm of this nature is pending.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To request that the members of the Beach Commission meet with the Town Council on September 22, 2011 at 6 PM or on October 6, 2011 at 6 PM to discuss establishing a plan to implement during special circumstances.

An announcement has been received from the RI Statewide Planning

Program concerning the Transportation Improvement Program for FFY 2013-2016. Upon review of the guide four projects were listed for Little Compton, Sakonnet Light Renovation, Treaty Rock Farm/Veri/Manchester Almy, Colebrook Road and Peckham Road. Sakonnet Light is substantially completed with Colebrook Road and Peckham Road are listed as Active in construction. No one in attendance knew of the Treaty Rock proposal listed as a LC Agricultural Conservancy Trust item therefore the Chairman of the Trust will be contacted for further details. South of Commons Road and Meeting House Lane were noted as the next State Roads that could use reconstruction. Chief Wordell noted that Snell Road should be listed as an additional site for reconstruction as it is in poor condition. After a brief discussion the following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To advertise to hold a Public Hearing on September 22, 2011 to consider an Application for New Projects under the Transportation Improvement Program for FFY 2012-2016 and to prioritize a list of roadway projects for submission.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the expenditure of up to \$50 at Wilbur's Store for the creation of a basket to be supplied to the James L. Maher Center for its Silent Action to be held October

16, 2011, the Business Manager will coordinate the delivery of said basket to the center.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to the Little Compton Education Foundation to hold the Little Compton Scenic Winter Road Race on January 7, 2012; contingent upon receiving the certificate of liability provided by the USA Track and Field and that the local Police Department shall be notified of the event.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a letter received from the Honorable Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island announcing the award of \$26,566 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to the Town of Little Compton.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To assign the Business Manager to the task of attending an informational meeting on a Massachusetts Estuaries Project regarding the Westport River Watershed to be held Sept. 14, 2011 and to additionally ask that he report to the Council his findings.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To withdraw consent calendar #1 for further discussion and to place consent calendar #2 on file:

Consent calendar #2. Letter from DEM to the John F. Hurley, general manager of the Sakonnet Point Club stating that the Town of Little Compton has reported that the Supplemental Environmental Project involving the drainage swale located adjacent to Pennsylvania Avenue has been completed.

Richard S. Humphrey asked to be noted as having recused himself regarding consent calendar #2 which relates to the Sakonnet Point Club.

Chief Wordell wished to note that Wilma Bruining on her own initiative brought premade sandwiches and chips to the Public Safety Complex for the emergency personnel working through Tropical Storm Irene. She also offered the potential use of her facilities and food products if storm damage was severe and there would be a need for more assistance.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a letter of gratitude sent to Wilma Bruining from the Police Chief, Sidney

Wordell for generosity in providing sandwiches for the emergency personnel.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To empower Tom Dunn, Business Manager to sign on behalf of the Town the FEMA application for reimbursement of funds while he is at a meeting next week on the subject.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: \$60,220.63

- MaryJane Harrington - Treasurer \$15.54**
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- Goldsteins Lawn & Farm - Maintenance \$75.00**
- Home Depot - Maintenance & Town Hall \$30.43**
- Tom's Lawn & Garden - Maintenance \$25.00**
- Franlart Nurseries Inc. - Tree Warden \$2,195.00**
- NEACTC - Town Clerk \$200.00**
- ACS - Town Clerk \$1,299.00**
- Sani-Kan - Port-a-jons \$181.90**
- Sani-Kan - Port-a-jons \$90.95**
- Sani-Kan - Port-a-jons \$97.32**

Petro - Diesel \$1,370.95

Petro - Gasoline \$2,977.14

Petro - Gasoline \$2,670.39

Petro - Diesel \$153.74

Petro - Diesel \$354.67

Cox Communications - 32 Commons meeting hall \$27.77

Vision Government Solutions - Assessors \$3,130.78

Mellos Diesel Service Inc. - Generator \$124.55

Kevin's Auto Parts Inc. - Town Hall - sump pump \$140.16

Richard S. Humphrey - Town Solicitor \$3,500.00

Richard S. Humphrey - Legal Services \$1,533.19

Richard S. Humphrey - Legal Services \$2,117.00

KTR Maintenance & Supply - Town Hall \$90.82

Nationalgrid - Transfer Station \$51.93

Nationalgrid - Public Safety Complex \$1,865.37

Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$21.31

Nationalgrid - Lights at town dock \$47.37

Franlart Nurseries Inc. - Tree Warden \$1,480.00

Franlart Nurseries Inc. - hurricane Irene related \$11,650.00

Everlasting Designs - Fire Dept. \$65.00

David Sisson Contracting - Fire Dept. \$450.00

Tiverton Auto Body Inc. - Fire Dept. \$3,327.19

Aire Cleaning Specialists of NE, LLC - Fire Dept. \$134.00

Wilkie Excavating Inc. - Fire Dept. \$134.21

Verizon Wireless - Fire Dept. \$222.90

Comstar - Fire Dept. \$585.23

KTR Maintenance & Supply - Fire Dept. \$116.09

Staples - Fire Dept. \$138.10 \$5,172.72

Paychex of NY LLC - Treasurer \$403.01

Laura Rom - Building official \$252.00

Newman Traffic Signs - Highway \$294.32

Jon C Ibbotson Excavating Inc. - Highway \$4,585.00

PJ Keating Co. - Civic Recreation \$797.48

Cox Communications - Town Hall misc. dept. \$274.67

Cox Communications - Computer \$252.00

MAP Installed Building Products - Energy Grant Town Hall \$3,900.00

McGeoughs Turf Management Inc. - Civic Rec. \$382.00

Steeple View Garden Service - Wastewater Treatment Fac. \$988.00

United Site Services - Transfer Station \$115.00

RI Security 2, LLC - Town Hall \$317.97

Dave Venancio - Inspector \$450.00

Verizon Wireless - Drug Forfeiture \$373.36

IACPNET - Drug Forfeiture \$500.00

Vic's Car Wash - Drug Forfeiture \$19.00

Rob's Auto Care - Drug Forfeiture \$312.04

Community College of RI - Drug Forfeiture \$338.13 \$1,542.53

W.B. Mason - Police Dept. \$95.96

K.T.R. Maintenance - Police Dept. \$154.12

Belmont Springs - Police Dept. \$13.19

Cox Communication/Internet - Police Dept. \$171.00

Cox Communication/Telephone - Police Dept. \$208.52 \$642.79

William L Moore - Building Official \$150.00

William L Moore - Building Official \$189.00

Messenger Security Systems Inc. - Public Safety Complex \$74.95

William L Moore - Building Official \$150.00

Rich McGee & Sons - Highway \$400.00

Rich McGee & Sons - Highway \$700.00

Verizon Wireless - Maintenance \$66.17

Verizon Wireless - Transfer Station \$32.19

Verizon Wireless - Building Official \$39.42

East Bay Newspaper - Highway - Planning \$486.60

Wilbur's General Store - Maintenance \$7.19

Wilbur's General Store - Town Hall \$22.80

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 7:32 PM.

Town Clerk